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VIENNA FOR AGATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SECRETARY BUTZ VISIT TO HUNGARY

REF: (A) STATE 258765

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1. CONTROL OFFICER AND AGATT MET WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS NOVEMBER 5. AS EXPECTED (REF D), HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE VIGH'S "RECOMMENDATIONS", BASED ON SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN REF A, HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY MINISTER ROMANY.

2. WHEN INFORMED THAT VIGH'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ONLY THAT, AND DID NOT REFLECT ANY DECISION BY OR SPECIFIC WISHES OF SECRETARY BUTZ, MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID NEW PROPOSED SCHEDULE IS FLEXIBLE AND SUBJECT TO SECRETARY BUTZ' APPROVAL. UPON QUESTIONING, NOW APPEARS TO EMBASSY THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS GENUINELY PREFER TRIP TO BABOLNA.

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3. PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1600 - ARRIVE BUDAPEST.

1930 - DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER ROMANY.

MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAD LIST OF MAGYAR PARTICIPANTS IN HUNGARIAN; DESPITE SEVERAL REQUESTS THEY DECLINED TO MAKE LIST AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY "UNTIL IT HAD BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH". THEY DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS NAGY WILL ATTEND DINNER.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

0800 - MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAVASI.

HUNGARIANS APOLOGIZE FOR EARLY HOUR BUT SAID THIS ONLY TIME HAVASI IS AVAILABLE. DURING HAVASI MEETING ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF SECRETARY BUTZ' PARTY WILL VISIT BUDAPEST'S BEAUTIFUL NEO-GOTHIC PARLIAMENT BUILDING. AFTER MEETING, ENTIRE GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE FOR DAY-LONG TRIP TO BABOLNA STATE FARM, ABOUT ONE HOUR AND HALF BY CAR. PARTY CAN RETURN VIA NEARBY NAGYIGMAND, HEADQUARTERS OF CORN PRODUCTION SYSTEMS.

1900 - RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MCAULIFFE.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

0830 - MEETING WITH MINISTER ROMANY.

0940 - ENTIRE PARTY LEAVES FOR UNIVERSITY AT GODOLLO TO VISIT UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AND RESEARCH FARM.

1300 - LUNCHEON AT GODOLLO.

1500 - DEPART FOR AIRPORT.

1700 - WHEELS UP FOR WARSAW.

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4. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BIRO WILL NOT BE IN COUNTRY DURING SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT.

5. CONTROL OFFICER MENTIONED THAT IF SECRETARY VISITED GODOLLO HE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS STUDENTS (REF A). MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONCEDED THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE, BUT NOTED THAT AS ALTERNATE TO GODOLLO MINISTER ROMANY HAD ALREADY APPROVED TRIP TO RESEARCH

INSTITUTE AT MARTONVASAR (REF B). (EMBASSY COMMENT: CANADIAN COLLEAGUES TELL US THAT DURING RECENT VISIT BY CANADIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MAGYARS MADE SIMILAR PLEDGE, BUT MEETING WITH STUDENTS CONSISTED OF ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION WITH FACULTY AND THREE STUDENTS IN RELATIVELY SMALL MEETING ROOM.) HUNGARIANS OBVIOUSLY NOT PUSHING FOR VISIT TO GODOLLO. MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBLE RETURN FROM ALTERNATE MARTONVASAR VIA STATE FARM AT DUNAVARSANY (REF B).

6. HUNGARIANS STYMIED ALL ATTEMPTS TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF VISIT UNTIL SECRETARY BUTZ HAS APPROVED MAIN POINTS OF SUGGESTED PROGRAM. SINCE HUNGARIANS MAKING MOST ARRANGEMENTS, EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH SPADE WORK FOR TRIP UNTIL WE HAVE FORMALLY ACCEPTED HUNGARIAN PROGRAM, OR PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES.

7. HUNGARIANS EMPHASIZE THEIR FLEXIBILITY AND DESIRE TO MEET SECRETARY BUTZ' WISHES. EMBASSY HEARTILY ENDORSES PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE, BUT RECOMMENDS TRIP TO MARTONVASAR IN PLACE OF UNIVERSITY AT GODOLLO. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT PARTY MAKE SIDE TRIP TO DUNAVARSANY.

8. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER ROMANY AT 1130 NOVEMBER 6 TO DISCUSS SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT, BUT NOVEMBER 6-9 MAJOR HUNGARIAN HOLIDAY WEEKEND AND THUS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WORK ON DETAILS OF VISIT UNTIL NOVEMBER 10 AT EARLIEST.

9. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST SECRETARY BUTZ' APPROVAL OF PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE AND/OR HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMENDED CHANGES, PREFERABLY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 10.

(B) PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY BUTZ, IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BIRO, WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON HIS NO. 1 DEPUTY, STATE SECRETARY BELA SZALAI.

(C) PLEASE ADD TO BIO LIST (REF C) BABOLNA FARM DIRECTOR ROBERT BUERGER, DEPUTY FONMIN JANOS NAGY AND, IF SECRETARY AGREES TO CALL ON SZALAI, HIS NAME SHOULD BE ADDED TO LIST AS WELL.

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